

The work does not contain any notable contributions to the pathology of the diseases described, and fails to add any decided lines or tints to the older clinical pictures given of them, and is nothing very novel in the therapeutic way. If these remarks are just, we can hardly expect, as already said in reference to a previous work, that there is a place for this work to fill not already as well or better filled. And yet, in the awakening which the profession is having on the subject of nervous diseases, there can be no doubt it will be received with some favor by the profession. It has at any rate, the good fortune to be in the hands of powerful and ambitious publishers.

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### SHORTER NOTICES.

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- I. INDEX CATALOGUE OF THE LIBRARY OF THE SURGEON-GENERAL'S OFFICE, UNITED STATES ARMY. Authors and Subjects. Vol. I. A-Berlinski. With a list of Abbreviations of Titles of Periodicals Indexed. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1880.
- II. THE PRACTITIONER'S HANDBOOK OF TREATMENT; OR PRINCIPLES OF THERAPEUTICS. By J. Milner Fothergill, M. D. Second American, from the Second English Edition, enlarged. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea's Son & Co., 1880. Chicago: Jansen, McClurg & Co.
- III. TREATISE ON THERAPEUTICS. Translated by D. F. Lincoln, M. D., from French of A. Trousseau and H. Pidoux. Ninth Edition, Revised and Enlarged, with the assistance of Constantin Paul. Vols. I. and II. New York: Wm. Wood & Co., 1880. Chicago: W. T. Keener.
- IV. THE SURGERY, SURGICAL PATHOLOGY AND SURGICAL ANATOMY OF THE FEMALE PELVIC ORGANS. In a Series of Plates taken from Nature, with Commentaries, Notes and Cases. By Henry Savage, M. D., London. Third Edition, Revised and greatly extended. New York: Wm. Wood & Co., 1880. Chicago: W. T. Keener.
- V. HYGIENE OF CATARRH, HYGIENIC AND SANATIVE MEASURES FOR CHRONIC CATARRHAL INFLAMMATION OF THE NOSE, THROAT AND EARS. Part I. By Thos. F. Rumbold, M. D. St. Louis: Geo. O. Rumbold & Co., 1880.

I. In a former issue of this journal we noticed a specimen fasciculus of this catalogue, sent out in advance to elicit the opinions of the medical press. We were hardly prepared by that, however, for this immense volume of over one thousand quarto pages, much of it in very minute type, and all closely printed, and yet only including the subjects commencing with the first, and part of those commencing with the second letter

doubtless be a useful addition to the libraries of gynecologists and others who do not possess the original edition.

V. This little volume of 166 pages is intended by the author—according to his preface—as a hygienic guide for catarrhal patients. It contains, indeed, about all the advice that a physician could give to a thoughtless patient. But the subject is spread out to an unnecessary length. Moreover, the physician who recommends it must give his patient a strong hint to exercise scepticism, as in some details the author becomes simply pedantic. The advice about wearing night-caps and not changing underclothing except when compelled by its physical condition, borders on the ludicrous. As regards the use of the nasal douche the author joins in the fashionable, though unfounded, crusade against it, but tries at least to base himself on some experiments to prove its insufficiency. In claiming that nasal and aural trouble may arise from carious teeth, the author makes some interesting suggestions, but his proofs are not conclusive. The book closes with a condemnation of tobacco, which, while it is based on much truth, is too much of a wholesale generalization which overreaches its aim.

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